

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 stand cancelled and claims 55-56 remain pending. Claim 55 has been amended herein. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment; support therefore being found throughout the specification and in the original and earlier presented claims of the application.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claim 56 is merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 55 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness.

It is believed that the within amendments obviate the rejection. For instance, claim 55 has been amended to clarify and further define the features of the invention. In particular, the objectionable phrase "sequences encoded by" has been stricken from that claim. This amendment is supported in the present application, for example, at page 8. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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